CHITALDRUG DISTRICT.

Notification, dated 24th March 1897.

Under instructions of the Conservator of Forests in his C. No. 176, dated 25th January 1897, the following extract of Government Notification No. 127, dated 10th September 1888, *re* the issue of licenses for firewood and charcoal in the Chitaldrug district, is re-published for general information.

2. The tracts opened for the working of this Notification are :—

(1) All the District Forests in the Hosdurga range.
(2) All the District Forests in the Hiriyur taluk.
(3) All the District Forests of the Jagalur taluk.
(4) All the District Forests of the Challakere taluk.
(5) Tuppadahalli, Lokadahalu and Malasinganahalli jungle in the Holalkere taluk.

3. Amildars and Deputy Amildars and shekdars of hoblis are empowered to issue licenses and to collect and remit the seigniorage.

Notification No. 127, *dated* 10*th September* 1888.

Under Section 23 of the Forest Rules of 1878, the following rates are authorized to be levied upon firewood felled and charcoal burned, and removed from the District jungles of the Chitaldrug district :—

FIREWOOD.

	For prepaid license. Rs. a. p.
Per country cart-load	.. 0 5 0 * * *
Per vaddar do .. .	... 0 3 0 * *
Per bullock do	.. 0 1 0 * *
Per ass do	.. 0 0 6 * *
CHARCOAL.	
Per cart-load	.. 2 8 0 * *
Per bullock load	. 0 8 0 * * *
Per ass do	.. 0 4 0 * * *
Per head do .. .	.. 0 2 0 * * *

2. No person shall cut firewood or burn charcoal in any district jungle or remove the same except under a license granted by the Amildar or District Forest Officer or such other official duly authorized on that behalf by the Deputy Commissioner of the district upon payment of the seigniorage duty as above, and all persons engaged in such felling or burning shall abide by the terms of the license and by such directions as the Deputy Commissioner may, with the approval of the Inspector General of Forests, lay down as regards the class or classes of trees to be felled and the manner in which they shall be cut and removed.

3. If, within the time specified in the license, the holder thereof fails to remove firewood or charcoal, the license shall become null and void, and the licensee shall not have any right to the refund of the fee.

4. The whole quantity covered by the license shall be removed in one lot and at one time.

5. The license-holder shall have no right to claim firewood or charcoal from a jungle other than the one named in his license on the ground that he failed to obtain the quantity in that jungle.

6. The maximum number of cart-loads, to be removed under one license, shall be 25, and no licenses shall be granted in a closed jungle.

7. It shall be competent for the Deputy Commissioner to close any jungle or parts thereof to the public and prohibit therein all cutting of firewood or burning of charcoal.

8. Any person found cutting or burning in, or removing firewood or charcoal from, a closed jungle, or removing the same from the jungle allotted in excess of the number of cart-loads covered by the license, or any person removing firewood or charcoal under a time-expired license shall be deemed to have cut and removed such firewood or charcoal without a license.

9. No paid license shall be granted for cutting or burning and removing firewood or charcoal from the jungle tracts set apart for the *bonâ-fide* use of the cultivating raiyats.

10. These rules, so far as they prescribe seigniorage, shall not affect existing privileges of the kandayam-paying raiyats and of mohatarfa paying iron smelters to get firewood or charcoal free for their *bonâ-fide* private use. Such persons (excepting raiyats whose privileges will be withheld if abuse is committed) shall be bound to obtain free licenses for cutting firewood and to abide by the terms of such licenses. Firewood or charcoal obtained free shall not be sold, bartered or otherwise used for purpose of trade.

11. The following kinds of trees shall not be felled or burnt for firewood or charcoal.

RESERVED KINDS.

Sandal, teak, poon, blackwood, honné, jalari, nandi, heb-halasu, karachi, bili-matti and kari-matti.

UNRESERVED KINDS.

Hunal, masi, hettiga, jambi, bilvara, tadasal, mavu, hunse, kendal, nerle, bagi, bogi, hodaga, bharangi, sampige, nanja, gundi, halasu, kulbegariga, gandagariga, vate, alalekayi, cinnamon, kachu, geru, gamboji, banm, kullubage, bevu, nayibela and kaggli.

12. All firewood or charcoal felled or burnt on private or inam lands and removed for sale or otherwise shall be covered by a free license to be obtained from the Amildar or District Forest Officer or such other official duly authorized on that behalf by the Deputy Commissioner of the district, and when so covered, the same shall be exempted from seigniorage above prescribed.

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By Order,
(Sd.) R. VIJAYINDRA RAO, *Chief Secretary.*
(*Extract.*)

Notice, dated 5th April 1897.

It is hereby notified for general information that the exclusive privilege of collecting Tangadi (*Cassia accriculata*) bark, on all Government unoccupied lands including Amrut Mahal kavals and excluding the demarcated and settled forests of all the taluks of this district, from 1st July 1897 to the 30th of June 1898, will be sold by public auction by the Deputy Commissioner or other Officer deputed by him on the dates and at the places specified below:—

Name of taluk.	Date of sale.	Place of sale—Taluk Cutcherry at-	Remarks.
1 Jagalur ..	14th May 1897..	Jagalur.	The sale may be held talukwar or hobliwar as may be found advantageous to the Government at the time of sale.
2 Molakalmuru	17th May 1897..	Molakalmuru.	
3 Challakere	28th April 1897.	Challakere.	
4 Hiriyur	3rd May 1897..	Hiriyur.	
5 Chitaldrug	6th May 1897..	Chitaldrug.	
6 Holalkere including Hosdurga..	10th May 1897..	Holalkere.	
7 Davangere including Harihar ..	12th May 1897.	Davangere.	

2. The auction will commence at 2 P. M. on each day of sale, and if the sale is not completed on the same day it will be continued on the next following day at the same hour.

3. The exclusive privilege above described will be disposed of to the highest bidder, subject to the confirmation of the Deputy Commissioner who is at liberty to accept or reject the bid at his discretion. The accepted bid will represent the amount which is to be paid for the period of twelve months for the abovesaid privileges (*i. e.*, from 1st July 1897 to the 30th June 1898).

4. Parties intending to bid must attend either in person or by duly accredited agents, and no person will be permitted to bid either on his own behalf or on account of any one else, unless he deposits a sum of Rs. 50. The deposits made by the unsuccessful bidders will be returned at the close of sale. Each successful bidder shall at the close of the sale credit into the Government Treasury of the taluk concerned, one-fourth of the total rental including the deposit already made. Should he fail to do so, the deposit will be forfeited and the exclusive privilege will be re-sold by the Officer conducting the sale.

5. Re-sales effected under the above para will be at the risk of the defaulting bidder who will forfeit all gain, and in the event of a loss by the re-sale shall make good the deficiency between the total amount payable by him for the whole period under the terms of the original sale and the total amount payable by the successful bidder at the re-sale.

6. The lessee shall sign an agreement binding himself to observe the conditions below, and it should be executed within fifteen days from the date on which the confirmation of the sale may be intimated to him.

7. The balance of lease amount and the local cess at one anna in the rupee on the whole sum shall be paid in full before the end of June 1897, failing which the lessee will forfeit the one-fourth sum already credited and also his claim to the produce, and the right of collecting the same is liable to be re-sold.

Conditions.

(1) To bark all shoots, whether large or small, over one year old.
(2) To hold himself responsible to prevent the felling of tender stems by his servants or sub-contractors, that is stems under one year old.
(3) To furnish a list of sub-contractors and mestris who may be appointed by them for the collection of bark in the different working circles.
(4) The barked wood to be the property of the lessee.
(5) To keep accounts showing the quantity of the bark removed in accordance with the lease and to permit inspection of such accounts by the Deputy Commissioner or the District Forest Officer or any other Officer deputed by either of them.
(6) To provide passes for each cart-load of bark in such manner as may be laid down by the District Forest Officer.
(7) To remove out of the limits of the district before the end of June 1898, all bark cut, collected or stored in the several kotis of the district as well as railway stations.

(8) In the event of breach of any of the above conditions, the lease is liable to be cancelled, all the bark collected and stored up to date to be confiscated.

(9) The bark available in the following demarcated and settled forests and plantations of the district will not be sold along with that of the taluks in which they are situated and special arrangements will be made by the District Forest Officer, for collecting the same :—

1. Jogimatti and its extensions.
2. Nirathadi and its extensions.
3. Malebennur State Forests.

M. S. NARAYAN RAO, *Dy. Comr.*

Proceedings of the Meeting of the Local Fund Board of the Chitaldrug district, held at 2 P. M. on Monday the 5th April 1897.

PRESENT.

M. S. Narayana Rao, Esq., Deputy Commissioner and President.

Official Members.

1. Mr. K. Prahlada Rao, Executive Engineer.
2. ,, P. Sitaramiah, General Assistant Commissioner.
3. ,, C. D. Ramaswamiah, Amildar of Chitaldrug.
4. ,, D. Narasinga Rao, Amildar of Hiriyur.
5. ,, M. Krishna Rao, Amildar of Holalkere.
6. ,, R. Mahadeva Rao, Amildar of Jagalur.
7. ,, T. M. Narniah, Amildar of Challakere.
8. ,, V. Parthasarthiengar, Amildar of Molakalmuru.

Note.—Messrs. M. Ranganatha Rao, and Sira Mohadin Ali, Deputy Amildars of Harihar and Hosdurga, were also present.

Non-Official Members.

1. Mr. K. Ramannah of Chitaldrug.
2. ,, P. Subbanna of Challakere.
3. ,, Patel Kariyanna of Hiriyur.
4. ,, Aswathappa of Jagalur.
5. ,, Sidramiah of Holalkere.
6. ,, Patel Basappa of Harihar.
7. ,, Srinivasa Dasaru of Molakalmuru.

ABSENT.

Official Members.

9. Mr. W. Srinivasiengar, Assistant Surgeon.
10. ,, G. R. Srinivasiengar, Amildar of Davangere.

I. Read the District Fund statement of receipts and expenditure to the end of November 1896.

	Rs.	a.	p.
Receipts under all heads put together is	4,548	4	7
Balance at the credit of the Board on 1st July 1896 including imprests at the hands of Amildars and Deputy Amildars	21,199	12	10
Total ..	25,748	1	5
Expenditure—			
A. P. W. executed by D. P. W.	10,389	7	7
B. Do Revenue Officers	1,193	14	10
C. Civil Charges	4,602	10	7
Total ..	16,186	1	0
Balance at the end of the month including the amount of imprests	9,562	0	5

Resolved that the same be passed.

Note.—Adjustments under "Civil Charges" for subsequent months not having been received the accounts could not be placed before the Board.

II. Read the statement showing the names of works executed from District Funds and Local Funds General and the outlay up to the end of March 1897.

Recorded.

III. Read Proceedings No. 8116—L. F. 169-96, dated 19th January 1897, approving of the resolution of the Local Fund Board to the effect that a new dispensary be built at Hiriyur, the old musafirkhana being unsuited for the purpose.

Resolved that the same be recorded.

IV. Read and recorded the following :—

(1) Government Proceedings No. 41—D., dated 8th February 1897, sanctioning a further grant of Rs. 1,500 for wells and Rs. 1,000 for village sanitation in the Chitaldrug district.

(2) Government Proceedings No. 59—D., dated 21st March 1897, sanctioning an additional grant of Rs. 10,000 from Local Funds General for the construction of drinking water wells in the Chitaldrug district.

V. Read Proceedings of Government No. 10569—268-96, dated 26th March 1897, observing that the Board's resolution to reward B. V. Narasimiengar, Hospital Assistant of Jagalur, with a gold medal not exceeding Rs. 50 in money value for services rendered by him during the last outbreak of cholera in that taluk is against the principle enunciated by Government in regard to the grant of rewards to Hospital Assistants for special services and disallowing the same as per Government Proceedings No. 13471—L. F. 146-92, dated 5th March 1895.

Resolved that the orders of Government be recorded and that an extract of the proceedings of the Board, dated 5th April 1897, be sent to Hospital Assistant through the Assistant Surgeon, Chitaldrug.

VI. Read Executive Engineer's letter No. 240—81, dated 23rd February 1897, requesting to inform him whether half of the amount placed for the annual repairs of Holalkere-Huliyar road may be utilized for tunnelling as was done in previous years, *vide* Government Proceedings No. 16064-8—L. F. 151-94, dated 2nd April 1895.

Resolved that the Executive Engineer's proposal be approved of.

VII. Read report No. 202, dated 5th April 1897, from the Amildar of Chitaldrug, recommending that a peon be allowed to the Local Fund mestri attached to the taluk. There are two Local Fund mestris in the district.

Resolved that a peon on Rs. 6 per mensem be allowed to each of the two Local Fund mestris.

M. S. NARAYAN RAO, *President.*

FRENCH ROCKS CIRCLE.

Proceedings of the Local Fund Board of the French Rocks Circle at a meeting held on the 27th February 1897.

PRESENT.

K. P. Puttanna Chetty, Esq., Sub-Division Officer, President.

Official Members.

1. Thomas Inman, Esq., Executive Engineer.
2. T. V. Armugam Mudaliar, Esq., Civil Surgeon, Mysore.
3. Mr. Hussan Ali Beg, Amildar of Seringapatam.
4. „ Shamaiengar, Amildar of Nagamangala.
5. „ Venkata Rao, Amildar of Krishnarajpete.

Non-Official Members.

1. Mr. Ramanna of Mandya.
2. „ Garudachar of Nagamangala.
3. „ Krishnappa of Krishnarajpete.
4. „ Govindappaiengar, Inamdar.

ABSENT.

Official Members.

1. Mr. V. N. Guru Rao, Amildar of Mandya.
2. „ A. Krishne Urs, Amildar of Malvalli.

Non-Official Members.

1. Mr. Mallappa of Malvalli.

This meeting was convened in order to prepare the budget estimates of receipts and expenditure for the year 1897-98.

2. The statement of estimated receipts was read and recorded. The receipts are estimated at Rs. 42,745, and they are based on the actual receipts for the year 1895-96, which were Rs. 42,687-8-5. The estimated receipts for 1897-98 are less than the receipts sanctioned for the year 1896-97 by Rs. 1,110. The probable opening balance at the beginning of the year, *viz.*, Rs. 17,666, makes the total assets for the year 1897-98, Rs. 60,411.

3. Of the above amount, it is proposed to keep in reserve ¼th of the year's receipts and to spend the balance of Rs. 48,728, as per details entered in the budget estimates.

4. *Expenditure.*—The statement of works proposed to be undertaken by P. W. D. was read and considered.

5. *Original Works. Communications.*—Under this head, twelve works were proposed, of which two works (1) raising the present tunnel at the 4th mile and constructing new tunnels and raising the road on the 4th mile of the French Rocks Station-Nellikere road and (2) constructing musafirkhana at Melkote have been included in the current year's District Fund budget and Rs. 2,000 have been provided for each of them.

6. With regard to the first of these works, the Executive Engineer informed the Board that though the work was a desirable one, it was not absolutely necessary. The funds at the disposal of the